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Wholesale Trade List of

Spring of 1897.

Allen L. Wood,

Woodlawn Nurseries,

For Nurserymen and Dealers.

Rochester, N. Y.

"PEARL." The Most Prolific Gooseberry Known. (See Testimonials.)

Grounds and Office on Culver Street, north of East Main Street. Take East Main Street Electric Car only two minutes walk from Car.

Parties wanting a large amount of Small Fruit are invited to write me for Special Prices.

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My stock of Small Fruit Plants is Largest in the World. My facilities and conveniences for storing, packing and shipping are not equalled by any other firm. My responsibility ceases on delivery of goods at Railroad or Express Office. My plants are warranted true to name, and of grades represented. Should any stock not prove true to name, I will either refund the purchase money of same or replace the stock with stock true to name free; but am not liable for further damages; and while I am exercising great care to prevent mixtures, the above is to be a condition on which all stock is delivered. All packing will be done neatly and with strict regard to the interest of the customer. Purchasers will please give shipping directions always. In case no such directions are sent with orders, I will use my best judgment in the matter.

Terms Cash.—Bankable notes for 30 or 60 days will be accepted from customers of satisfactory record or bank reference. Spring accounts are due before June 1st, when I draw at sight for any amounts due. Interest charged on all bills over due. All express or freight charges on goods or money must be paid by the customer. If goods are shipped C. O. D. usually one-fourth the amount of bill must be sent with order.

STRAWBERRIES (Millions of Plants).

Headquarters for first-class Strawberry plants. Roots straightened out and neatly tied up in bunches of twenty-five. I put in twenty-six for twenty-five in every bunch. Box and packing free. Strawberries packed in burlaps, as per tags, call for $1.00 per 1,000 extra. Special prices on 50,000 or over. Also for mailing.

	Per 100.	Per 1,000.
Beder Wood	$ .40	$3.00
Bidwell	.40	3.00
Bubach	.40	3.00
Crescent	.40	3.00
Chas. Downing	.40	3.00
Cumberland	.40	3.00
Eureka	.40	3.00
Gandy	.40	3.00
Greenville	.40	3.00
Haverland	.40	3.00
Jessie	.40	3.00
Lovett's	.40	3.00
Michael's Early	.40	3.00
Sharpless	.40	3.00
Warfield	.40	3.00
Wilson	.40	3.00

My Strawberries are All from New Beds, and are Strong and Well-Rooted Plants.

RASPBERRIES.

Transplants and Tips are Extra Strong Plants and Well Graded.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1,000.	Per 10,000.
Columbian, (genuine)	$1.00	$5.00	$40.00	$350.00
Conrath	.30	1.50	12.00	.....
Doolittle Imp	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Gregg	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Kansas	.25	1.25	8.00	.....
Johnson Sweet	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Mam. Cluster	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Ohio	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Palmer	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Souhegan	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Shaffers Col	.20	1.00	6.00	55.00
Tyler	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00

RED RASPBERRIES.

Plants are Extra Strong and Well-Graded. Specially adapted for Nurserymen and Dealers Retail Trade.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.	Per 10,000.
Brandywine	$ .20	$1.00	$ 8.00	$ 65.00
" " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Cuthbert	.15	.75	5.00	45.00
" Transplants	.20	1.00	8.00	.....
Herstine	.20	1.00	8.00	.....
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Hansell	.20	1.00	8.00	65.00
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Japan Wineberry (Very Fine Tips)	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
London (new) genuine	1.00	6.00	50.00	.....
Marlboro	.20	1.00	8.00	.....
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Rancocas	.20	1.00	8.00	.....
" Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Thompson Early Prolific	.20	1.00	8.00	.....
" " " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00	.....

YELLOW RASPBERRIES.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.
Caroline	$ .25	$ 1.25	$10.00
" Transplants	.35	1.50	12.00
Golden Queen	.20	1.00	8.00
" " Transplants	.25	1.25	10.00
Brinckle Orange	.50	2.50	20.00

BLACKBERRIES.

Roots, Cuttings and Strong Sucker Plants with Cross Root.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.
Agawam	$ .25	$ 1.25	$10.00
Dorchester	.25	1.25	10.00
Early Cluster	.25	1.25	10.00
Early Harvest	.25	1.25	10.00
Erie	.35	1.75	15.00
Eldorado	.50	3.00	25.00
Kittinney	.25	1.25	10.00
Lawton	.25	1.25	10.00
Lucretia Dewb'y (strong Tips, genuine)	.25	1.25	10.00
Minnewaska	.35	1.75	15.00
Snyder	.25	1.25	10.00
Taylor	.25	1.25	10.00
Wachusett	.25	1.25	10.00
Wilson Early	.25	1.25	10.00
Wilson Jr	.30	1.50	12.00

GOOSEBERRIES, (Extra Fine Plants).

I have the Largest Stock of Currants and Gooseberries of any Nurseryman in the United States. They are the strongest I have ever grown. None better.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.	Per 10,000.
Pearl (See Testimonials) 2-year No. 1	$ 2.50	$15.00	$150.00	$ .....
" 2-year No. 2	2.00	12.00	120.00	.....
Chatauqua. 2-year. No. 1	5.00	40.00	.....	.....
Downing. 2-year. No. 1. Extra	.80	4.00	30.00	250.00
" 2-year. No. 2. Good	.50	2.50	20.00	180.00
Houghton. 2-year. No. 1. Extra	.50	2.50	20.00	180.00
" 2-year. No. 2. Good	.40	2.00	15.00	120.00
Red Jacket. 2-year. No. 1. Extra	1.50	9.00	80.00	.....
" " 2-year. No. 2. Good	1.25	7.00	60.00	.....
Smith Imp.. 2-year. No. 1. Fine	.85	4.50	40.00	.....
" " 2-year. No. 2. Good	.65	3.00	25.00	.....
Industry. 3-years. No. 1. Extra	1.00	6.00	55.00	.....
Keepsake. 3-year. No. 1. Extra	1.25	7.50	65.00	.....

1 YEAR GOOSEBERRIES at the SAME PRICE as 2 YEARS, No. 2.

CURRANTS, (Extra Fine Plants.)

My One-Year, Currants have made an extraordinary growth the past season. The One-Year, No. 1 Grade is as good as most nurserymen's Two-years, No. 1. Will send samples of any grade for 10c. for postage.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.	Per 10,000.
Black Naples, 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	$ .40	$ 2.00	$15.00	$140.00
" " 1-year, No. 2, Fine	.30	1.00	12.00	.....
Champion, 1-year, No. 1, Extra	.40	2.00	17.50	.....
" 1-year, No. 2, Good	.35	1.65	14.00	.....
Cherry, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	.50	2.50	20.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 1, Extra	.40	2.00	17.50	150.00
" 1-year, No. 2, Fine	.35	1.65	14.00	120.00
" 1-year, No. 3, under 10 in., Good	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
Fays, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	.70	3.50	30.00	.....
" 2-year, No. 2, Good	.50	2.50	20.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 2, Good, medium	.40	2.00	15.00	140.00
" 1-year, No. 3, under 10 in., Good	.25	1.25	10.00	80.00
LaVersaille, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	.50	2.50	20.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	.40	2.00	17.50	150.00
" 1-year, No. 2, Fine	.35	1.65	14.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 3, under 10 in., Good.	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
Lee's, 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	.40	2.00	15.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 2, Fine	.30	1.50	12.00	.....
North Star, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	.75	4.00	35.00	.....
" " 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	.60	3.00	25.00	.....
Pomona, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	4.00	15.00	150.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	3.00	10.00	100.00	.....
Prince Albert, 1-year, No. 1, Fine	.40	2.00	17.50	.....
" " 1-year, No. 2, Good	.35	1.65	15.00	.....
Victoria, 1-year, No. 1, Fine	.40	2.00	17.50	.....
" 1-year, No. 2, Good	.35	1.65	15.00	.....
" 1-year, No. 3, under 10 in. Good	.25	1.25	10.00	.....
White Grape, 2-year, No. 1, Fine	.50	2.50	20.00	180.00
" " 2-year, No. 2, Good	.40	2.00	15.00	.....
" " 1-year, No. 1, Extra heavy	.40	2.00	17.50	150.00
" " 1-year, No. 2, Good	.35	1.65	15.00	.....
" " 1-year, No. 3, under 10 in., Good.	.25	1.25	10.00	.....

NOVELTIES.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.
Strawberries-Raspberry	$1.00	$ 5.00	$ 40.00
Golden Mayberry	1.00	5.00	40.00
Logan Raspberry-Blackberry	2.50	15.00	125.00

RHUBARB.

	Per 10.	Per 00.	Per 1000
Myatt, 2-year, No. 1	$ .50	$ 2.50	$ 20.00
" 1-year, No. 1	.40	2.00	15.00
Victoria, 2-year, No. 1	.50	2.50	20.00
" 1-year, No. 1	.40	2.00	15.00

GRAPES.

2 YEARS FIRST-CLASS.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000.
Agawam	$ .50	$ 3.00	$ 25.00
Brighton	.75	3.50	30.00
Catawba	.50	2.50	20.00
Concord	.40	2.00	15.00
Delaware	.75	3.50	30.00
Diamond	.75	4.00	35.00
Moore's Early	.75	3.50	30.00
Niagara	.50	2.50	20.00
Pocklington	.50	2.50	20.00
Worden	.50	2.50	20.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Per 10.	Per 100.	Per 1000
Horse Radish Sets	$ .20	$ 1.00	$ 5.00

A Few Testimonials from Fall of 1896 Shipments.

An Open Letter from an Old English Gardener.

Smith's Falls, Ont., July 25th, 1896.

The **PEARL**, is my **favorite** it is a **splendid kind, hard to beat,** taking it all through, some of the bushes that had only been planted **one year. I picked three quarts** from this season. It has not **shown any signs of mildew and such a robust growth,** I never saw in the **Old Country.** Some of the new wood is over **two feet long, and nearly half an inch thick.** The White Smith and Downing, mildewed badly this season.

THOMAS HAGUE.

F. CRANEFIELD, Assistant Horticulturist of the Wis. Experiment Station, writes, July 13th, 1896:

In reply to your inquiry regarding the **Pearl Gooseberry,** will say that **all other varieties except the Pearl, in our plantation are affected with Mildew.** Three plants out of six survived the seven drought of last summer, and are now growing vigorously.

Last Saturday the box came at hand. I unpacked it to-day, found the Stock in very good condition, and I must say that it was very satisfactory, and am more than pleased; I will give you another order in the spring. Enclosed find Check for full amount.

GWYNEDD VALLEY NURSERIES, Pa.

Plants came through promptly, and I find them very fine. Thanks for the trouble of my small order. HUNTSVILLE WHOLESALE NURSERIES, Ala.

Goods received and checked out satisfactory, much pleased with them.

THE GREELEY NURSERIES, Colo.

Those Currants and Gooseberries which I ordered of you, I received in good order, and was well pleased with them. They were the finest I have ever seen, you may count on me for another order. F. E. YARKES, N. Y.

I received plants to-day. They were in fine condition, and were very nice plants.

J. H. CHAMBERLIN, Ill.

The Gooseberry Plants from you arrived promptly, and in good condition. Stock is entirely satisfactory, you many ship the remainder of order auy time when convenient for cellar. Enclose find Draft for amount of my bill for fall delivery. Thank you for prompt shipment.

QUINCY NURSERIES, Ill.

Enclose please find Check in full, for Gooseberries, which were very fine plants.
THEO BOCK, Ohio.

Five cases of Strawberry Plants came to-day, they are the strongest plants I ever saw for this time of the year. I would like to know how you grow them, I like the way you pack them, they look so they were just dug. I will want a few thousand more later.
JAMES H. BROWN, Pa.

Stock reached us in due time, checked out all right and grade was fine.
MONTROSE NURSERIES, Mo.

Stock came in to-day, and in good condition, and grade of stock satisfactory.
JNO. K. BORTFF, Mo.

Will you be kind enough to remember us as one of your customers in the future, in anything in your line we shall need. The Gooseberry Plants and Strawberries were the finest we ever bought, they please our customers well. WABASH HOME NURSERIES, Ind.

I have much pleasure in sending your Draft due you on the 2,000 Downing Gooseberry Plants you sent me, which were all first-class and very strong well graded. The packing is unsurpassed. I thank you for the selection and for the fine packing, you may book my order for one thousand more of the same grade. AUGUSTE DUPRIES, Quebec.

In 1895 I purchased some plants of you, and they were fine and did well. Have you anything new, I wish stock to sell now, so please send me your wholesale list. H. E. MOON, Ind.

I am pleased to say the Gooseberry Plants reached me all O. K., and am well pleased with them. The way in which you have filled this order has made me your permanent customer, when in want of anything in your line. THE PENINSULA PLANT FARMS, Md.

The stock arrived this morning and are very fine stock. GEO. H. CAUGHELL, Ont.

I received the Columbian Raspberry tips and the Greenville Strawberry Plants. The plants were the finest I have ever seen. They are growing nicely. H. G. MCFARLIN. Ark.

The box of plants arrived to-day. They are extra strong plants all O. K. Thanks.
J. L. SCHULTZ, Mich.

TESTIMONIALS OF THE POMONA CURRANTS.

Ithaca, N. Y., August 27th, 1896.

Gentlemen:—I saw the Pomona Currant at Mr. Lewis's place, at Lockport, some time ago, and was very much pleased with its productiveness, beauty, size quality.

Prof. L. H. BAILEY.

Ithaca, N. Y., July 12th, 1894.

My Dear Sirs:—Returning, from an absence, I find yours of July 6th, and also the Currants. I am much pleased with your new Currant, especially the small amount of seed which it contains. I should think that it would be valuable on this account in quality it seems to be better—that is sweeter—than either Fay or Victoria, and in size runs about with Victoria. From the specimens which you sent should certainly say that the variety has merit. Yours very truly.

Prof. L. H. BAILY.

Gentlemen:—I saw your Pomona Currant at Lockport again this season, also the Wilder at Geneva; for size and productiveness it is fully up to Pomona, but in quality the Pomona is certainly the best of all red currants. Your truly, SILAS WILSON.

River Edge, Bergen Co., N. J., July 13th, 1894.

Gentlemen:—The Currants were received. Your Currant is certainly of large size, and it has comparitively few seeds. Send us a strong plant for testing on our own grounds.
Ed. Rural New Yorker. Yours truly, E. S. CARMAN.

PEARL GOOSEBERRY.

The Highest Recommended of any New Fruit in America.

Photograph of a Branch Two Years Old.

THE MOST PROLIFIC GOOSEBERRY KNOWN.

Owing to the prevalence of Mildew on the finer English Varieties, which have been introduced into this country, the culture of the Gooseberry has been, in a great measure, neglected, and this fine fruit has not received that attention which its value demands. Believing that by crossing some of our hardy native varieties with the best English varieties, this difficulty might be overcome, and a Gooseberry produced that would combine the hardiness of the one, and the superior qualities of the other, Professor Saunders—now of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa—some eight or nine years ago made several crosses between the Houghton Seedling, one of our most productive and hardy natives, and several of the best English sorts, and he gave me several of them for testing and propagation. After testing them for several years, I selected the Pearl as the best in quality, productiveness and freedom from mildew. I have planted an acre for fruiting myself, and after seven years trial I have never found any trace of mildew, and I have sent it into several States and Provinces and have never heard a report of its mildewing yet. The universal opinion is that it is equal in hardiness, superior in size and quality, and more productive than the Downing, which has hitherto been the standard of excellency among American Gooseberries. I append a few of the many testimonials received in its favor

(SEE TESTIMONIALS INSIDE.)

TESTIMONIALS FROM PROMINENT MEN.

The following is the report of the editor of the Canadian Horticulturist, who saw this fruit in bearing on the grounds:

The Pearl is a gooseberry grown from the seed of Houghton, crossed with Ashton Seedling, by Professor William Saunders, and worthy of special notice because (1) of its good quality; (2) its size; (3) its productiveness; (4) its freedom from mildew.

Now, with reference to these points, I will state the result of my observations: The quality is good, very much like the Downing in this respect, as well as in color marking; but in size it averages nearly double that berry, and that in spite of the prodigious crop under which the bushes were laden. There was a row of some sixty fine bushes one year planted, and most of them were literally bent to the ground with heaps of fruit. The average was eight berries per inch of wood, and on one bush we estimated that there must have been 2,500 berries. We have had great loads upon the Smith, the Downing and others, on our own grounds, but we have not seen quantity of fruit upon the bushes of any variety to equal that upon these bushes of the Pearl. Should this productiveness prove constant the berry will be of great value for the market. With regards to the mildew, all we can say is what we saw, viz.: it was entirely free from it. One bush stood next a Whitesmith, and while the berries of the bush were covered with mildew and utterly worthless, no trace of this fungus could be found upon the Pearl.

SILAS WILSON, Pres. of the American Association of Nurserymen, says:

Dear Sir—The Pearl Gooseberry is a great sight. There could be no more berries on the stem without crowding off the leaves. It is wonderfully productive, and I am pleased to find the quality so good. **The best gooseberry I ever saw**; nearly sweet. There is no question about its future.

H C. KERMAN, of Ont. says:

Dear Sir—Yours of the 8th at hand. I can conscientiously recommend the Pearl. It is the coming berry, and will when known entirely replace the Downing; it is larger, heavier bearer, strong grower. Entirely free from mildew, and as one of our most prominent fruit growers in this district remarked, it is the best thing that has been put on the market, in the fruit tree line for years.

S. T. MAYNARD, of the Massachusetts Experiment Station, Amherst, Mass. says:

My Dear Sir—The Pearl Gooseberry was planted on our grounds last spring, and consequently has borne no fruit. It has made a good growth, however, and is free from mildew.

CHASE BROTHERS COMPANY, of N. Y., says:

Dear Sir—Knowledge comes from visible evidence, and although sometimes we are deceived by what is called optical illusion, yet, we feel safe in believing that the branch of "Pearl Gooseberry," shown us a few weeks ago, was an actual and tangible horticultural product. **We never saw anything like it before**, and only expect to again in this variety

There is now no question as to the superiority of the "Pearl," over all others for bearing qualities, and we think the fruit is equal in size and quality to any of the American varieties.

We shall push the sale of the "Pearl," feeling sure our patrons will appreciate a good thing.

T. T. LYON, of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, South Haven, Michigan, say:

Dear Sir—I have been testing the Pearl Gooseberry here for several years; in my forthcoming report (now ready for the press) **I grade it for vigor and productiveness ten, and for quality nine, upon the scale one to ten.**

THOS. BEALL, one of the Directors of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, says:

I have tested the Pearl Gooseberry for the last seven years, find it very prolific, and as to size fully one-half again as large as the Downing. **A row of sixteen bushes yielded an average of eleven quarts of clean salable fruit, to the bush in the past season.**

W. J. GREEN, of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio, says:

Dear Sir—We have one plant of the Pearl Gooseberry, but that is hardly enough to enable us to judge as to its prolificacy. I judge that it is very prolific, however, and the fruit is of fair size. It seems to be an improvement upon the Downing and no doubt will prove to be a valuable variety.

ALLEN NURSERY CO., say:

Dear Sir—The branches of the Pearl Gooseberry laden with fruit which you showed to us recently were indeed a sight to behold. Judging from what we saw it indicates **the most prolific bearer we have ever seen,** and were greatly impressed with its wonderful bearing qualities. We do not believe that any other gooseberry now known among us will be anywhere near as profitable to Fruit Growers. **We predict a brilliant future for the Pearl.**

H. P. GOULD, of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, says:

Dear Sir—Pearl Gooseberry, which we received from you last spring are looking fairly well. In comparison with four other varieties set at the same time, they have made the largest growth and are looking the most vigorous of any of the varieties at the present time, on account of the very dry weather which we have had.

JOHN LITTLE, of Ont., says:

Dear Sir—I have fruited the Pearl Gooseberry two years. I find no weak points in it. Plants green and healthy, not liable to rust, **an abundant bearer**, size medium to large, no small berries, and brings all the berries formed to perfection. It has proved here more satisfactory than any of the other varieties grown here.

J. F. TAYLOR, of Mich., says:

The four Pearl Gooseberries received from you gave sixteen quarts the second year after planting. They were as full of fruit as bushes could be and showed no signs of mildew. The bush is a strong grower and carries its fruit well up from the ground. I am much pleased with its habit.

WM. J EARLE, of Que., says:

Dear Sir—I have fruited the Pearl Gooseberry for the past two years and with me it has proved a very heavy bearer and perfectly free from mildew. The berry, in size, averages larger than the Downing and the growth of the bush is astonishing. It is, however, easier to train and keep in good shape; on the whole I regard it as a very valuable acquisition.

A. W. BRADSTREET, Manager of Crosman Bros. Seed Store, N. Y., says:

Having been asked my opinion as to the Pearl Gooseberry and having seen it in full fruitage, I do say, as to its productiveness, **it is phenomenal.** The berries were of extra size, but not being matured, I cannot say as to quality, but in quantity it surpasses all others I have ever seen.

L. WOOLVERTON, Sec'y of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, says:

Dear Sir—In reply to your favor of the 8th inst. at, regarding the Pearl Gooseberry, I have this variety on my grounds, but it has not yet fruited. I have seen it fruiting, and my opinion of it is that it excels the Downing in productiveness, and the berry is a trifle larger than that variety.

From the *National Nurseryman:*

The Pearl. **It is a wonderfully prolific berry.** Each branch is loaded with fruit to the tip. It is stated that the fruit averages eight berries per inch of wood. We saw a number of samples of the Pearl which excited the admiration of nurserymen and fruit growers. The fruit is much like the Downing; it is one-third larger than that variety. Good judges have pronounced in favor of the quality, size, productiveness and freedom from mildew of the Pearl.

ANNIE L. JACK, the popular writer for *The Rural New Yorker*, has tested it at her home in Chateaugua Basin, Province of Quebec, and writes:

The Pearl Gooseberry is a success. It is free from mildew with us; is not large, but prolific, clear and good, both in foliage and fruit; superior in size and quality to the Downing and an acquisition to our list of that fruit.

E. B. LEWIS, of N. Y., says:

Dear Sir—Yours of yesterday received asking me what I know about the Pearl Gooseberry. I have fruited the Pearl for several years, and now have about one acre planted for fruit. **It is a wonderful cropper,** strong grower and free from mildew, fruit larger than Downing.

L. G. KELLOG, of Wis , writes:

The half dozen Pearl Gooseberry I purchased of you have fruited the past two seasons. They are very strong, upright growers, very productive, fruit large, good quality, and I have seen no sign of mildew.

W. A. ROYS, of Ont., says:

I had a large crop of Gooseberries; I think the Pearl is larger and ahead of the Downing.

REV. JOHN ROSS, of Ont., says:

The Pearl Gooseberry has with me proved a strong grower, **a prolific bearer,** larger than Downing, and I think a better quality.

P. D. KINNEY, of N. S., writes:

The Pearl Gooseberry I got from you in 1893 bore a few nice berries that season and quite a crop last season. The bushes are thrifty, showing no sign of mildew, and the berries are much larger than the Downing as grown in my garden.

L. F. KINNEY, of the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, says:

Dear Sir—In reply to your inquiry of recent date concerning the Pearl Gooseberry plants sent to the Station last spring for trial, I will say that the plants have made a thrifty growth and that the foliage has been free from the mildew thus far.

W. S. TURNER, of Ont., a director of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, writes:

I have fruited the Pearl Goosberry I got from you and I think it is superior to the Downing. It is a little larger and more prolific with me.

D. DEMPSEY, of Ont., says:

I have had the Pearl fruiting alongside the Downing for a number of yours. **It has borne heavier crops** and the berries have been larger and more uniform and much easier picked, as they hang more on the under side of the branches than the Downing. It has shown no signs of mildew yet.

O. D. GREEN, of N. Y., says:

The Sample of the Pearl Gooseberry at hand, I think they must be **wonderfully productive** and I judge from the sample that the flavor must be very fine.

THE HAWKS NURSERY CO., of N. Y., say:

Dear Sir--Our opinion of the Pearl Gooseberry, we must say that for productiveness we have never seen its equal, judging from the branches shown us, as they were completely covered with fruit of good size. As they were green when we saw them we could not tell the quality, but judging from them as they were we should say that they would compare very favorably with any other American variety in that respect. **"Its a good thing, Push it along."** We think it as promising a berry if not the best of American origin that has been introduced in a long time.

JACKSON & PERKINS, Nurserymen of N. Y., say:

Dear Sir—Your favor of the 12th received and box containing the branch of the Pearl Gooseberry also came duly to hand. We are greatly obliged to you for same and are much interested in seeing the berry. It certainly is a **wonderful bearer** and should be of decided value.

PETER COLLIER, of the New York Experimental Station, says:

In regard to the Pearl Gooseberty sent by you to this Station in the spring of 1888, which has been tested from that time in comparison with about fifteen other varieties, the results have been very satisfactory so far. Comparing it with Downing, we should consider it vastly superior both as to size and productiveness. The plants also grow in a more compact form.

JAMES FORSYTH, Gardener at the Ontario Agricultural College, writes:

I am pleased to say that it has proved to be all that you claim for it. It has so far been quite clear from mildew, a good size and very prolific. I consider it altogether superior to Downing.

GEO. C. BUTZ, of the Pennsylyania Experiment Station, says:

The Pearl you sent me this spring are making an excellent growth for the first season. Several strong shoots from near the base indicate that the Plants are well estabished.

THOMAS BEAL, of Ont., one of the directors of the Ontario Fruit Gowers' Association, says:

Pearl is fully as productive as the Downing. The berries are larger and of much better quality when nearly ripe. Both of these varieties are free from mildew here.

We sent some branches to the Superintendent of the World's Fair and received the following note from him:

Dear Sir—The branches of the Pearl Gooseberry I received from you for the World's Fair were simply immense, the crop most abundant, berries of good size and very uniform throughout, fine shape and color, making an attractive exhibit. I heard quite frequently the remark, **"What a wonderful Cropper."**

Yours truly,
A. H. PETTIT.

PROFESSOR BUDD, of the Iowa Experiment Station, says:

The Pearl is **very promising with us** and is doing well with many in Iowa, and I believe it will prove valuable with us.

J. F. TAYLOR, of Mich., says:

The Pearl Gooseberry continues to do well with us. I like it very much. So far it has been entirely free from disease.

W. J. GREEN, Horticulturist of the Ohio Experimental Station, Wooster, Ohio, writes:

The Pearl Gooseberry has fruited here and we are well pleased with it. The plants are quite healthy. The variety is rather more prolific than the Downing, and the berries a little larger. Probably it will out rank the Downing in good qualities and seems to be well worth general trial.

JOHN GOLDIE, Galt., says:
The Pearl Gooseberry received from you fruited very well last year and did not mildew. The fruit is larger than the Downing and it seems likely to prove satisfactory.

C. L. STEVENS, Secretary of Orillia Fruit Growers' Association, writes:
Four years ago I got one plant of Pearl Gooseberry; **it fully justifies all you say of it.**

T. T. LYONS, of the Mich. Experiment Station, says:
The Pearl Gooseberry has this year borne but a light crop, though considerabe more than any other of the twenty or more varieties which I am testing (except perhaps, the Houghton, which is too small). Last year the Pearl bore far more heavily, excelling even the Downing, which is our most popular market variety.

W. J GREEN, Ohio Experiment Station, writes:
Not being at home now I cannot say just how many Pearl Gooseberry plants are living, that you sent me this spring. We have had a very severe and protracted drought, which has been very hard on small stuff planted in the spring. We had some Pearl Gooseberries on one single plant and I must say that the variety is certainly promising.

From *Vick's Illustrated Mouthly Magazine:*
THE PEARL GOOSEBERRY.—This variety of Gosseberry, of American origin, is probably the most remarkable for productiveness that the horticultural world has ever witnessed. Words seem too feeble to convey a proper idea of the fecundity of this plant. The fruit so completely covers the branches that is is difficult to understand how the leaves are capable of performing their functions. That they do so, however, is attested by the healtfulness of the plants and by the fact that each season the crop of berries is brought to perfection. The berries are placed on the branches so closely together as to make a solid mass of fruit, without space for the insertion of another one. This language is no exaggeration, and it requires a vivid imagination in connection with it to get a true conception of the appearance of the plant without seeing it A plantation of 2,000 plants averaged this season over eleven quarts to the plant, and the weather exceptionally dry.

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R. D. LEUTCHFORD & CO., Nurserymen of N. Y., say:
Dear Sir The sample branches of your "Pearl Gooseberry" as seen by us, were certainly **a wonderful sight.** We congratulate you on being the possessor of what we believe to be the future **Staple** Gooseberry. With such a "Pearl" you should wear Diamonds.
Shou'd you find you have more stock than you now anticipate, should like to increase our order.

GEO. W. CLINE, one of Ontario's most successful Fruit Growers' says:
Dear Sir—It is with the greatest of pleasure that I can certify to the value of the Pearl Gooseberry, for after having seen it in bearing, its wonderful yield, its extra quality, its good size, I believe it to be the best and most profitable to plant, and in proof thereof I have now some 2000 plants, and am only sorry I have not four or five acres in bearing.

J. CRAIG, Horticulturist at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, writes:
The Pearl Gooseberry has been quite as free from mildew, on these grounds as Houghton and Downing, and is the most prolific variety that I know of. Mr. Craig also, in his last Bulletin on Horticulture sent out from the Experimental Farm, recommends the Pearl as one of the best for general cultivation.

From T. H. RACE, President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario.
My Dear Sir—I have fruited the Pearl Gooseberry for three years, and with me it has proved a very heavy bearer and perfectly free from mildew. The berry, in size, averages larger than the Downing, but the bush does not produce as large a growth of wood. It is however, easier to train and keep in nice shape. On the whole I like the Pearl very much.

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